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SUBJECT: CONTINUED YUGOSLAV SENSITIVITY ON TRIESTE ISSUE

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1. IN A MAJOR POLICY SPEECH SEPT 8 COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TITO'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE ADRIATIC ISLAND OF VIS, YUGOSLAV LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY STANE DOLANC MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRIESTE ZONE B ISSUE.

2. NOTING THAT YUGOSLAVIA DESIRES FURTHER COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATION WITH ITALY, DOLANC STATED THAT THIS, HOWEVER, COULD NOT PRESUPPOSE A READINESS TO COMPROMISE AT THE EXPENSE OF YUGOSLAV "NATIONAL INTEREST OR THE HISTORICAL REALITIES WHICH FOR YUGOSLAVIA ARE BEYOND DISPUTE". YUGOSLAVIA WISHES TO SEE ITALY DEVELOP UNDER CONDITIONS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY AND DEMOCRACY IN WHICH A REVIAL OF FASCISM WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, DOLANC CONTINUED, BUT HE THEN POINTED TO THE "REALITY THAT IN ITALY AND CERTAIN
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OTHER COUNTRIES FASCIST MOVEMENTS ARE UNHINDERED IN THEIR

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ACTIVITY, THAT THEY USE THE METHODS OF HITLER AND MUSSOLINI, AND THAT THEY ARE PARTICULARLY DETRIMENTAL TO RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA IN THE DEMANDS THEY MAKE FOR YUGOSLAV TERRITORY".

3. AFTER SAYING YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT AFRAID OF THESE FORCES, DOLANC WARNED THAT "WE KNOW HOW TO CONFRONT THEM WHEREVER THEY APPEAR", AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT "CERTAIN OF THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN THESE COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT EVERY REVIVAL OF FASCISM REPRESENTS A DANGER TO THEMSELVES AS WELL..."

4. COMMENT: DOLANC SPEAKS OF FASCIST FORCES NOT JUST IN ITALY, BUT IN OTHER UNSPECIFIED COUNTRIES AS WELL. PLACED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TRIESTE ZONE B ISSUE, THIS PROVIDES CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO HARBOR SUSPICIONS ABOUT NATO AND US INTENTIONS UNDERLYING THE ITALIAN POSITION ON THE ISSUE, AND IN TURN REINFORCES OUR CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REFTEL AND PREVIOUS THAT WE DO NOT INADVERTENTLY FUEL THESE SUSPICIONS.
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